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DRTC

Ability at Work

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In With The New, Out With '22!

We hope you all had a great holiday season! Gosh, it is 2023 and we are looking forward to a wonderful new year filled with lots of work and a lot of learning. We appreciate your kind words you sent in the holiday cards for the Staff Appreciation Tree. You bring such joy to our jobs here at DRTC!



EmployAbility Academy Recognition

Twenty eight individuals from DRTC were recognized for completing the EmployAbility Academy in December. The academy included 18 courses, 96 lessons and a lot of time spent on the computer learning about Community Integrated Employment. They each received a certificate, stipend and a Connie Coin. We will be starting another group this month, so if you want to be a part of this exciting learning opportunity, let Sue Gill or your case manager know.



Scan with your smart phone or click the QR code to watch OETA's story!



DRTC's EmployAbility Academy First Class

DRTC's Holiday Craft Fair was a Success!

We held our 2nd Annual Craft Fair on December 16th. Several of our creative individuals sold their homemade goods. We had a variety of items on-hand including holiday décor, baked goods, and gift items such as jewelry and coasters. Mrs. Claus even found the time in her busy schedule to stop by and say “Happy Holidays!” We encourage everyone to plan to participate in the spring craft fair. Be thinking of themes or ideas geared towards events in the spring like Mother’s Day. Anyone is welcome to participate. Dollar Tree has great craft items that can be made to sell. We hope to have even more variety of gifts/items for sale at the next fair. Contact Kristin Bowles with any questions.



Waneta



Johnny



Mrs. Claus and Wade

#PWDAD2023

Put it on your calendar now. People with Disabilities Awareness Day is March 7. If you want to order a shirt to wear, you can purchase one on our website, drtc.org.

This year's event will once again be held at the Oklahoma History Center and DRTC will have display. Stay on the lookout for more details as we get closer!



You Have the Right

You have the right to know about the rules and regulations at DRTC. As with any job, DRTC has policies and procedures everyone must abide. This is how the agency maintains safety and order in the workplace.

DRTC has a Consumer Handbook outlining all of the rules as they relate to Program participants. Everyone gets one when entering the Program, as well as when updates are made. If you do not have a current copy, please let your case manager know.



Don't forget to sign up for the 2023 Night to Shine event. This event is Friday, February 10, at Crossings Church in Edmond! Night to Shine is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and is an unforgettable prom night experience. Registration is limited, so sign up today.

Night to Shine event details:

Friday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Crossings Edmond

Register today for this memorable night at crossings.church/events/89.



Jason White and Kermit - 2018 Night to Shine

511 Meetings

It is that time of year again. Every January we hold an annual meeting with Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) to talk about working in the community. Every individual will be scheduled to attend one of the meetings during a work day. If you have any questions about working in the community, be sure to ask Janie from DRS when you attend your meeting.

Settings Rule

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has made a final decision about individuals going into the community. Any person who receives funding through Medicare or Medicaid (waiver funding) is required to go out into the community at least once a month. The State of Oklahoma receives money tied to this standard, so we will be complying to this requirement. This will take effect on March 1, 2023.

EmployAbility Academy Reception



Virginia



LaToya



Kathy



Jerry



Brenda



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to view more pictures!